
Inmate Hygiene

704.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to allow inmates to have freedom in personal grooming, except when a legitimate government interest justifies the development of grooming standards that are based upon orders of the court, inmate classification, work status, safety and security, or health and hygiene.

704.2 POLICY

Each inmate will receive a personal hygiene kit prior to being placed into general population. The hygiene kit will comply with Title 15, California Code of Regulations.

Electric hair clippers may be provided by the jail for inmate use. Portions of hair clippers that come into contact with the skin, shall be sanitized with an appropriate cleansing agent by custody staff prior to use, per Title 15, Section 1267(c).

Inmates desiring a professional haircut can, on approval by the Watch Commander, have a licensed barber come into the facility and provide this service. All arrangements shall be borne by the inmate.

All inmates shall be required by staff to maintain an acceptable level of good hygiene consistent with group living needs and sound health practices.

Inmates refusing to maintain an acceptable level of hygiene may be administratively separated from the general population and/or referred to medical.

All inmates in a non-lock down status are allowed unlimited access to the showers.

Inmates shall be required to brush their teeth as needed.

Lock down inmates are permitted to shower during their Title 15 periods of unlock; daily for those on Ad-Sep; every other day for those on disciplinary lock down..

All officers will take steps to correct observed situations of unclean personal or living area conditions.

704.3 GROOMING EQUIPMENT

Grooming equipment is to be inventoried and inspected by the staff at the beginning of each shift and prior to being issued to inmates. The staff shall ensure that all equipment is returned by the end of the shift and is not damaged or missing parts.

Grooming equipment will be disinfected before and after each use by the methods approved by the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to meet the requirements of (16 CCR 979; 16 CCR 980; 15 CCR 1267(c)). Cleaning methods include:

- Removing foreign matter.
- Cleaning tools with soap or detergent and water.

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- Immersing non-electrical equipment in disinfectant.
- Spraying electrical equipment with disinfectant.
- Storing cleaned equipment in clear, covered containers that are labeled as such.

Disinfectant solution shall be changed at least once per week or whenever the solution is cloudy or dirty. Solution will be stored in covered containers with labeled instructions for its use and the Environmental Protection Agency registration number.

704.4 HAIRCLIPPERS

Hair clippers may be placed in the pod for inmate use when requested along with a 4" scrub brush for cleaning the clippers.

The Marvicide use directions are to dilute 2 ounces in 128 ounces (1 gal) of water, however, the Marvicide solution is pre-mixed by the chemical dispenser located in the janitor's closet, and no further mixing is required.

Pour a minimum of 12 ounces properly mixed of Marvicide solution in the clear container for inmate use. There should be enough Marvicide so all hair clipper accessories can be submerged

The Marvicide solution shall be changed daily or sooner if chemical become cloudy.

Hair clippers shall be oiled at least twice daily by Custody Staff when clippers are in use by inmates.

704.5 ELECTRIC SHAVER

One electric shaver shall be issued to each inmate who is to be housed in the main jail facility.

The electric shaver is to be issued with the standard jail issued hygiene items (comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap).

Damaged electric shavers are to be confiscated and a report written and forwarded to Commissary for vandalism charges on the inmates account. Inmates will be reissued an electric shaver by Custody staff unless continued vandalism occurs or there is a safety concern.

Razor exchange can be accomplished through laundry. Jail staff shall be responsible to issue razors from laundry inventory only when a razor is turned in by an inmate.

At any time a razor is returned either at release or other times deemed necessary they will be sent to laundry for proper cleaning, sanitizing and repackaging for further use.

All inmates shall receive one razor.

An inmate found to be in possession of more than one razor may face disciplinary action.

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704.6 NAILS

Nail clippers will be kept at the control station and will be issued to inmates upon request. Inmate workers are required to keep their nails clean and trimmed. Inmates with long nails may be required to trim their nails if there is a security concern and the inmate is admitted to general population.

704.7 SHOWERING

Inmates shall be permitted to shower upon assignment to a housing unit, at least every other day thereafter and more often if practicable (15 CCR 1266).

704.8 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Inmates are expected to maintain their hygiene using approved personal care items. Personal care items, including toothbrushes, combs and soap, are available through the inmate commissary and will be charged to the inmate's account.

Indigent inmates shall receive hygiene items necessary to maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene.

No inmate will be denied the necessary personal care items. For sanitation and security reasons, personal care items shall not be shared (15 CCR 1265 et seq.).

Each female inmate shall be provided with sanitary napkins, panty liners, and tampons as requested.

704.9 VERMIN CONTROL & BIOHAZARD

Inmates suspected of having lice or scabies will be immediately referred to the facility medical staff for examination. Custody personnel will implement any reasonably necessary instructions from the facility medical staff.

All contaminated clothing and linen, including clothing or linen that is contaminated with biohazard product, will be placed in a dissolvable laundry bag. The dissolvable laundry bag will then be placed into a red-tinted biohazard bag. This bag will be sent to the laundry for cleaning and sanitizing.

704.9.1 PROCEDURE FOR CLEANING AND SANITIZING

Place the dissolvable bag containing the clothing into a washer and run cycle #13, which is programmed with one stage of 160°F hot water flush, three stages of 160°F hot water and bleach washes, and two stages of 160°F hot water rinse cycles. Place the washed clothing into a dryer and dry at temperature of 160°F.

704.10 REFUSAL TO COMPLY

Medical review will be required in cases where an inmate repeatedly refused to clean himself according to minimum standards. Disciplinary procedures may be implemented if the medical review indicates clinical action is unwarranted.